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TODAY
Sunny
High: 67, Low: 51

TOMORROW
Showers
High: 57, Low: 30

On the ballot, but rarely seen or heard

Third parties try to build their student, campus support, but face obstacles

By **Dave Herrera**
In Focus Editor

The life of a third party is measured most easily in small steps.

For example, if recent history is any guide, a third-party candidate for Ohio governor should expect only 3 or 4 percent of the votes this November. But because Bob Fitakis, the Green Party candidate, and Bill Peirce, his Libertarian counterpart, are both running,



Bob Fitakis
Green Party
candidate for
governor

that number might get halved to 1 or 2 percent each.

According to finance reports filed last week, Fitakis and Peirce have spent slightly more than



Bill Peirce
Libertarian
Party candidate
for governor

\$38,000 for their campaigns so far. That total is roughly 0.2 percent of Democrat Ted Strickland and Republican Ken Blackwell's combined \$15.7 million spent, as filed

THE THIRD PARTIES PART 1: THE LOCAL FIGHT

About this series: This article is the first in a three-part series about independent and third political parties. Part two, focusing on building campaigns, will appear in tomorrow's paper.

in their reports.

For their part, 0.2 percent is what independents James Lundeen and Larry Bays, both gubernatorial write-in candidates,

can expect to poll.

The number of times any of these third party candidates have appeared in a televised debate with Democrat Ted Strickland or Republican Ken Blackwell is even lower: zero.

For candidates from parties not named Democrat or Republican, running for office — especially major, statewide offices — is practically a doomed affair from the start.

The struggles every third party

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You've given your tearful goodbyes.
Now for the tearful hellos.

COMING HOME

By **Janeen Morgan**
Reporter

Latest trend: Recent college graduates are not quite ready for "living" in the real world.

According to an article from USA Today, 60 percent of college graduates move back home sometime after they finish school.

"This notion of moving back home after graduation seems to be a trend now," JoAnn Kroll, director of the Career Center said.

With the high price it takes to live in the real world, moving back home may be less intimidating for recent college graduates.

"You know, students have told me they're graduating with loan debt and so their parents let them return home as this becomes a way to save money for them," Kroll said.

According to Kroll, there are a number of reasons why students do move back in with parents when they finish school. For example, some graduates have nowhere to go and some miss their families.

One common mistake is waiting until after graduation to find a job.

"Don't wait until graduation rolls around then find a job. Try and have something set up for you so when you do graduate, within a few weeks, you can be working," Kroll said.

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I need you to go to the grocery store and get some things. And could you also pick up your sister from karate class?

Ohhhh, well sorry to bother you from your "job searching," but that grass looks like it could use some manual labor from you.



Day of the Dead brings bright colors to Toledo

By **Heidi Grieser**
Reporter

"Day of the Dead" implies a somber atmosphere, but the event held on Saturday evening was anything but dismal.

Instead, the Day of the Dead celebration was held this year in a warmly lit room with multicolored streamers, vibrant red and turquoise blue murals, and the smells of peppers and chilis wafting through the room.

The Sofia Quintero Art and Cultural Center celebrates its tenth year in the Old South End of Toledo on Broadway St. by hosting a Day of the Dead, or Dia de los Muertos, celebration and fundraiser. The event is showcasing the work of six local Latino and Latina artists and displaying traditional Dia de los Muertos altars that celebrate the lives of loved ones who have passed away. The altars were created by local community residents, University of Toledo Art students and students of Bowling Green's Arts Village.

This is the second year students set up an altar for Gordon Ricketts, director of the arts vil-

lage. The students made masks to represent dead ancestors and displayed them with marigolds, the traditional flower of the Day of the Dead celebration which were arranged in a cross. This symbol exemplifies the Catholic influences in Mexican art.

In addition to the art on display, guests enjoyed a traditional Mexican dinner, a dance performance by Imagenes Mexicanas and music by the Bad Boyz and Jesse Ponce.

Joe Balderas, director of the Sofia Quintero Art and Cultural Center said, "This is the fifth year of the fundraiser. We used to hold it for free, but it got bigger and better-attended as we started offering more, like the dinner and music."

"The first few years, we used to build the altars ourselves and then we opened it up to the community," Balderas said. "The local altar creators find things throughout the year to use in their altars and now that the artist have come in, it's gotten more creative and elaborate."

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RACE OF THE DAY | SENATE MIKE DEWINE (R)

BIOGRAPHY

Before being elected to the U.S. Senate in 1994, Mike DeWine served four terms in the U.S. House of Representatives and was Ohio's 59th lieutenant governor. With his re-election in 2000,

DeWine was the first Republican senator from Ohio to win a second term in more than 50 years. DeWine began his career in public service in 1976 when he was elected prosecutor in Greene County. He holds degrees from Miami University in education and Ohio Northern University in law. He was raised in Yellow Springs.

ON THE ISSUES:

Education: DeWine helped write several portions of the No Child Left Behind Act in 2001, including a provision to create new anti-drug programs for elementary and secondary school students, and another provision which allows states to use funding to develop and expand alternative routes to teacher certification or licensure requirements. DeWine supports parents being able to choose to move their children out of failing schools.

Iraq: On Oct. 1 on Meet the Press, DeWine said he believed the U.S. should remain in Iraq until "[Iraqis] are to the point where they can take this over, we're out of there. We want to be gone."

Taxes: DeWine voted for two of the largest tax cuts in American history and wants to make those tax cuts permanent.

Environment: DeWine sponsored the Great Lakes Environmental Restoration Act to provide grants for the long-term protection and restoration of the Great Lakes. He also sponsored the Great Lakes Legacy Act providing \$50 million for clean-up of polluted rivers that flow into the Great Lakes. DeWine opposes bulk exportation of Great Lakes water to other regions. He also supported the Oil Industry Merger Antitrust Enforcement Act which would make it more difficult for oil companies to merge to end high energy prices.

CURRENT POLLS:

Brown - 51.5 percent | DeWine - 39.8 percent | Undecided - 7.0 percent

(Poll regularly taken from RealClearPolitics.com. As an average of four separate polls taken by RealClear, USA Today, Bloomberg and Mason-Dixon between Oct. 18 and Oct. 25.)

SHERROD BROWN (D)

BIOGRAPHY

Sherrod Brown has served as a U.S. Congressman for Ohio's 13th district since 1992. Brown also served as Ohio's secretary of state for two terms and taught government in the country of Poland in the 1990s. He has published several books, including "Congress from the Inside: Observations from the Majority and the Minority" and "Myths of Free Trade: Why American Trade Policy Has Failed." Brown holds degrees from Yale University in Russian studies and Ohio State University in education and public administration, and was raised in Mansfield.

ON THE ISSUES:

Education: Brown supports investing in Pell Grants and school loan programs so all Ohioans can attend college. He wants to maintain funding for the Head Start and Even Start programs, designed to enhance student performance in low-income school districts. Brown said he supports No Child Left Behind but that "Ohio's primary and secondary school systems must be provided with the resources necessary to empower teachers and students to excel in the classroom."

Iraq: Brown calls for the military to produce an exit strategy in the next 18 to 24 months. Brown believes staying the course in Iraq will dig the U.S. into a deeper hole.

Taxes: Brown supports tax cuts to help middle-class families. Brown introduced "Path to Opportunity" legislation to provide tax breaks to help pay for child care, care for the elderly, higher education and homeownership.

Environment: Brown opposes all oil and gas drilling in the Great Lakes region. He co-sponsored legislation to allocate \$4 billion for clean-up and restoration of the Great Lakes. He opposes bulk exports of Great Lakes water. Brown also supports alternative energy methods to reduce oil dependence and pollution.

— **Megan Schmidt, BG News**

PARTIES

From Page 1

candidate goes through are many, but of no help is the relatively quiet support at college campuses. BGSU is no exception.

"I know that this is not a short-term venture, and I don't expect to win this campaign," said Anita Rios, the Green Party candidate for lieutenant governor.

With winning the election all but impossible, campaigning takes on a different form — a labor of love and a dedication to different ideas.

"We believe in a socialist future, a radical transformation," said Libero Della Piana, national organizational secretary for the New York City-based Communist Party. "That's a huge thing, we know that's not small."

"It's important to remember," Piana said, "in a society where there's been a major revolution, it was difficult to imagine that it could have been anything else."

For now, the "anything else" is the United States' two-party system, but there also is a distinct difference in ideology between the five candidates.

Talk to Fitrakis and he'll start on wind power and his experience as an international elections monitor.

"As a third party I think it's part of our job to guarantee ... the current two party system is fair," Fitrakis said. "I'm greatly concerned that the mainstream media and the two major parties are incapable of dealing with voter irregularities."

Peirce, a retired economics professor, immediately jumps on the state government's back.

"I'm the only one of the candidates who really understands why the state has not progressed economically," Peirce said.

"If you listen to the other candidates, they'll start reading off a list of industries ... they think the government should protect," he said. "This is precisely how the state has blown a lot of money."

Beating drums for change...

Ask the third-party candidates and you get the same response: Lots and lots of citizens, some say two-thirds, are fed up with Republicans and Democrats.

"We all look at politics as something dirty, something corrupt, and it doesn't have to be that way," Rios said.

The call is even greater at college campuses, according to Fitrakis, where students are "dying for an alternative message."

But are students hearing the calls for change? It's tough to say. Zero also happens to be the number of on-campus groups representing the Green or Libertarian Parties — and Socialist, Communist, Constitution and any other parties for that matter.

None of the third or independent candidates have had much of a presence at BGSU to date.

"We're not a huge organization and there are a lot of areas we could concentrate on in terms of youth," said Scott Urquhart, northwest regional representative for the Libertarian Party of Ohio.

Peirce has been here once during the campaign, and the Greens haven't stopped in at all.

"There's a tendency in the third party campaign to not invite yourself up unless someone wants to hear you," Fitrakis said.

Would it have mattered? Roughly 180 people at BGSU identify themselves as libertarian on Facebook. That's small, but it's more than enough for a potential organization to match the draw of campus Republicans or Democrats, who typically get 20-

30 students at each meeting.

The only Facebook Green Party-labeled group tops out at 2 members, and while the site certainly isn't a strong indicator of the parties' local popularity, their Democrat and Republican counterparts draw hundreds of members.

Factor in supporters of any party who don't have Facebook accounts and the number increases, but for small parties, no major campus movements are on the way unless students are at the helm, Urquhart said.

"There's a lot of political thinking in folks that age," he said, "you just try to be active and look for the creativity of the campus for them to do their thing."

The party itself would focus more on bringing in speakers and working with the College Democrats and Republicans, he said.

"I really think we probably should be doing more ... our ideals may ring true for a lot of the folk."

...to an empty room

They certainly have for Mark Hosterman, a senior, libertarian and Peirce supporter.

Last year, Hosterman and a friend tried to start an on-campus libertarian group, but the project got nowhere, and he points to the essential individualism of libertarian thought as a probable cause.

"Libertarians are the type of people that are really hard to get involved," Hosterman said, "you have to engage them in a positive [way]."

"We all look at politics as something dirty, something corrupt, and it doesn't have to be that way."

Anita Rios | Green Party

Today, he regrets giving up so soon and says he should have done more to promote Peirce.

But Peirce doesn't blame Hosterman entirely. He pointed only to already well-established chapters, like at Ohio State, as the successful campus libertarian groups.

"[Hosterman] put his finger on a real problem," Peirce said, "not just among students but among adults, too."

Peirce was at BGSU in April as part of his signature drive to get onto the ballot. Working the Union area, he said he got as many signatures as he normally did on college campuses, a bit of a surprise.

"People were interested. I've been told [northwest Ohio] is heavily Democratic and might not be receptive," he said.

BGSU's Economics Club had been trying to

arrange for Peirce to return before election day, but scheduling conflicts now make that doubtful, said Matthias Paustian, their adviser.

There used to be a libertarian group in Toledo, but Peirce said now it's been reduced to an e-mail list.

"I think people got burned out because their candidates didn't win in the past," he said, "which is a problem that all minor parties face."

Burnout is exactly what happened to the local Green Party presence after the 2000 presidential elections, when Ralph Nader refused to exit, taking some say, enough votes from Democrat Al Gore to swing the election to

George Bush.

Rios said the contentious vote caused the group to become too big, too quickly.

"In a sense, that became unwieldy," she said.

"There were a number of people [at BGSU] but they've graduated."

Rios and Fitrakis aren't planning a last-minute stop at BGSU this campaign season, and Fitrakis said their work has moved toward observing the election for fairness.

"If things go bad in this election, we don't think we can count on the Democrats ... to defend the people's right to vote," Fitrakis said.

But he still stressed how easily grassroots organization and youthful desire for change can be combined into the "future of the Green movement" — even without his appearance here.

"We're first going to elect people ... in the counties and areas where the large campuses are," he said.

"Bowling Green is in many ways the most green area in the state, you've actually got windmills up there," Fitrakis said, "and that's the message that's got to come out. It's not surprising it's coming out of a college town."

Fitrakis and Rios both gave support to BGSU's new chapter of NORML, the marijuana law reform supporters, but NORML is waiting until at least next year until it starts to get more politically involved, said Matt Bruggeman, a group officer.

A taste of Europe

Perhaps unsurprisingly, there are no socialist or communist groups registered on campus.

"I'm sure [a local socialist group] exists, I just haven't sought it out," said Peter Barlow, a BGSU sophomore. "I've pretty much accepted it's going to be a while before

there's a socialist president."

Barlow is in the "BGSU Socialists" Facebook group, an 11-member hodgepodge that some said they simply stumbled upon.

"Does anyone else share my dismay in that there are only seven members of this group?" wrote a member, Justin Sisler, on their message board in September.

"Socialism is still a dirty word to a lot of people, so I'm not terribly surprised," replied Alex Bean, a sophomore who created the group.

In a later interview, Bean said he started "BGSU Socialists" last spring to seek out other like-minded students, but not for much more.

"The role [is] ... just to let other people know there are similar views out there in Bowling Green, that the whole world isn't just divided into the liberal Democrats and the conservative Republicans," he said, "that both sides have their coalitions and their extremes and their moderates."

Several members describe themselves as democratic socialists, based on the dominant politics of northern and western European countries.

"We feel it's necessary to help one another and that the government should be involved in helping one another," Sisler said.

"It's definitely something to pursue and to work for."

A chapter of the International Socialist Organization is active at the University of Toledo, but its president and faculty adviser could not be reached for this article.

Another Facebook search reveals a group named "Modern Communist Revolutionaries," but its members, ironically enough, say it was an inside joke.

BLOTTER

THURSDAY

4:48 a.m.

East Napoleon Road resident called to report being assaulted.

FRIDAY

1 a.m.

Matthew J. Haycock, 21, arrested for disorderly conduct and fighting at an East Napoleon Road apartment complex. Earlier, he flagged down officers and said he'd been in a fight and had a bat because his friend was being threatened. When he brought out the bat, Robert P. Hostetter III, 20, tackled him and they started fighting. Hostetter was also arrested for disorderly conduct and fighting.

2:08 a.m.

Cara D. Cenkus, 22, and Zandra N. Vuelria, 23, arrested for disorderly conduct and fighting on North Main Street.

3:51 a.m.

Subject at Wood County Hospital reported being assaulted at South Enterprise Street and Lehman earlier in the night.

10:46 p.m.

Thomas Q. Weber, 19, arrested for criminal damaging and underage under the influence at an East Wooster Street home. Cole D. Heiberg, 19, was cited for underage under the influence and criminal trespassing.

SATURDAY

12:04 a.m.

Subject dressed as a construction worker reported to have run into

traffic.

1:02 a.m.

Daniel K. Sullivan, 19, arrested for attempting to use a fake ID at a North Main Street bar.

2:03 a.m.

Richard Douglas Penny, Jr., 21, and Nicholas J. Miller, 24, arrested for disorderly conduct and fighting at Wooster and Main streets. One of the men was punched in the face, breaking his phone. Both subjects had conflicting stories.

2:13 a.m.

Daniel J. Miller, 21, arrested for operating a vehicle while under the influence.

2:21 a.m.

Fight reported to be starting up on Troup Avenue. The caller said he heard threats being made, but all subjects were gone when police arrived.

2:42 a.m.

Five intoxicated subjects reported to be trying to get into a South College Drive home.

3:14 a.m.

Subject reported his vehicle was stolen from North Prospect Street. The caller was intoxicated and after 30 minutes, police found it parked in Lot 2 where he had left it. Once the vehicle was secured, the subject called 911 again. He was told not to call unless it was an emergency. Later, he called 911 again and stated his vehicle was "moving," as he could see it on "low jack." He was told his vehicle was not moving and was still parked in Lot 2. The dispatcher told him to go to sleep and check the vehicle in the morning.

4:22 a.m.

Two subjects reported to be refusing to leave Wood County Hospital.

7:31 p.m.

Sheffield Drive resident reported someone used his credit card.

7:52 p.m.

David J. Romano, 21, arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia at an East Wooster Street home

after police found a marijuana pipe and residue while he got money to post bond.

10:46 p.m.

Subject reported to be brandishing an electrical box swinging and throwing milk crates in Lot 4. He was given a warning for disorderly conduct.

SUNDAY

12:39 a.m.

Matthew S. Boggs, 19, was arrested for disorderly conduct, criminal trespassing and underage under the influence at a North Main Street apartment. Neil M. Greening, 19, arrested for disorderly conduct and underage under the influence.

12:44 a.m.

Robert D. Hill, 20, arrested for criminal trespassing, drug abuse and possession of drug paraphernalia after a Clough Street resident reported Hill was on his front porch.

1:18 a.m.

Juvenile reported to be trying to use a fake ID to get into a North Main Street bar.

1:54 a.m.

South Summit Street resident called to report a Jeep was blocking the alley way near her home. She said she saw a subject run up to the vehicle and start to hit it. She reported hearing what she believed to be four to five gunshots. Another vehicle sustained \$200 damage after a rock was thrown at it. Police at this scene believed it was a cap gun and not a shotgun.

2:02 a.m.

Sarah L. Voadt, 19, cited for operating a vehicle while under the influence on South Main Street.

2:37 a.m.

Male reported ponding a female in Lot 2.

2:57 a.m.

Robin J. H. Sheldor, 27, arrested on Troup Avenue for disorderly conduct after he had an altercation with a female Jacob C. Haines, 21, also arrested for disorderly conduct.

3:45 a.m.

Subject cited for disorderly conduct after he threatened to "blow up" an East Wooster Street restaurant when he received an order that he didn't call in.

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- I like to tinker with old cars and motorcycles.
- Sitting in with Lucy Long's Root Cellar String Band on the open jams.

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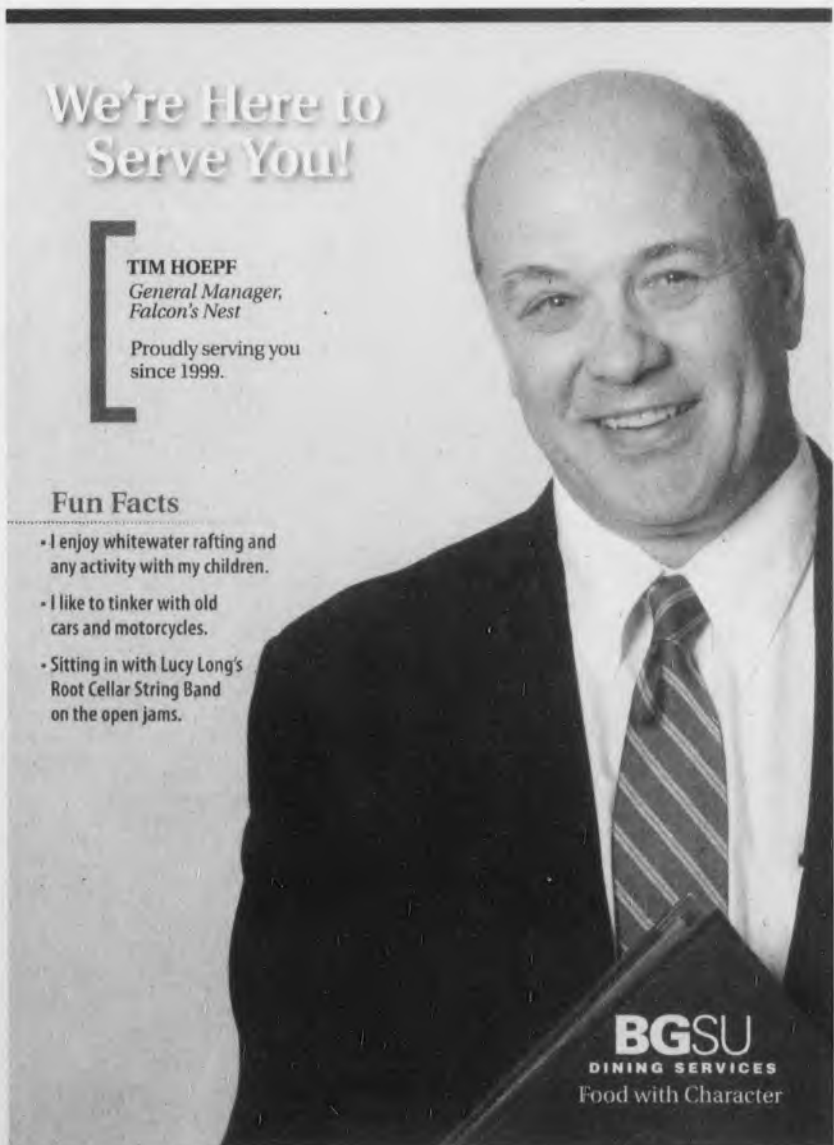
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GET A LIFE

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Some events taken from events.bgsu.edu

This list is compiled using local event calendars and submissions.

TODAY

6:30 p.m.

ARTalks with Tony Hepburn, artist and writer

Fine Arts 1101

7 p.m.

Iraq for Sale, free showing

Main Branch Toledo Library

8 p.m.

Catholic Newman Club

St. Thomas More

8-10 p.m.

Poetry, Prose & Ponderings Open Reading

open-mic signups at 7:30

Brewed Awakenings Coffee House in Toledo

ONGOING

9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Research Project Clinics, call ahead for an appointment

UC may challenge ban

By Matt Krupnick
MRT

BERKELEY, Calif. — If the University of California challenges the state ban on affirmative action, the timing will need to be right, UC President Robert Dynes said Friday.

Speaking at a daylong conference on the effects and future of Proposition 209, Dynes and others said California's demographics eventually will change enough to overturn the 1996 voter-approved ban.

"I surely want to win the first (lawsuit), because if we lose the first one, we will take two to three steps back," Dynes said. "We should be pushing sensibly with a reasonable probability of our winning."

Enrollment of black and Hispanic students dipped precipitously across the UC system after Prop. 209 took effect, especially at the most selective campuses, such as UC Berkeley and UCLA.

The numbers have slowly rebounded, but university leaders have pushed for more reforms.

At the Berkeley conference, educators and administrators said the admissions process in particular needs to change to prevent minority students from

"I think 209 is profoundly wrong, morally wrong,"

Robert Birgeneau | Chancellor

being affected unfairly by grade-point average and test-score requirements. The system's nine undergraduate campuses admit the top 12.5 percent of high school seniors, based on grades, SAT scores and other factors.

Before Prop. 209, public universities also used race among admissions criteria.

"I think 209 is profoundly wrong, morally wrong," said UC Berkeley Chancellor Robert Birgeneau, a frequent critic of the affirmative-action ban in the two years since he arrived in California.

"We can't have a truly fair system until 209 is reversed," he said to applause.

Participants in the conference, including several hundred leaders and scholars from across the state, were decidedly against Prop. 209. The event was organized by UC Berkeley's Boalt Hall law school, where Dean Christopher Edley often has expressed his displeasure with the ban.

Words of wisdom



JORDAN FLOWER | THE BG NEWS

Hockey coach lectures on leadership

TAKING THE LEAD: Scott Paluch, head coach of the BGSU men's hockey team, addressed about 50 people last night in the St. Thomas More parish on leadership on and off the playing field — or ice in his case.

Study shows degrees pay

By Matt Henry
U-WIRE

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va.

— The U.S. Census Bureau released a series of tables Thursday titled, "Educational Attainment in the United States: 2005," showing a significant difference in earnings of employees with bachelor's degrees and those with high school diplomas.

According to the table, available on the U.S. Census Bureau Web site, college graduates earn an average of \$51,554 per year, while high school graduates earn an average of \$28,645 per year.

Mike Bergman, public affairs specialist at the Census Bureau, clarified that the Bureau classified earnings as salary and wages, while income is comprised of salary, wages and investment income.

According to the Web site, the data was collected by the Current Population Survey's Annual Social and Economic Supplement, and is based on figures from 2005.

Bergman said the tables are based on data collected every year around March from a survey sent to about 80,000 households.

"We ask questions about how much they earned in the previous calendar year," he said.

Although the table shows the earnings gap between college and high school graduates has decreased slightly from the previous year, this information was not stated in the official report. The Census Bureau was unable to comment on any economic changes that this year's data might show.

"We are basically in the business of collecting and publishing the data, and a lot of the interpretation we leave up to expert data users out there," Bergman said.

Economics Prof. William Johnson said the income gap has generally been increasing since the 1970s.

"The trend from the last 20 to 25 years has been for it to be widening, or at least not shrinking," he said.

CAMPUS BRIEF

OU Halloween sees decrease in arrests

ATHENS, Ohio (AP) — Police made 82 arrests at an annual Halloween block party, slightly fewer than last year, police said yesterday.

Most of the people arrested over the weekend were charged with disorderly conduct and underage drinking, police said. Twenty-three were Ohio University students.

The Athens Fire Department also is investigating three vehicle fires as possible arson.

Police made 95 arrests last year and 98 in 2004.

Officials with the university and city had promised to be tougher this year on partygoers who got out of line during the event, which includes free concerts and costume judging.

The party has attracted as many as 20,000 people to downtown Athens in the past, but city Police Chief Rick Mayer said this year's crowd was the smallest in years. Police could not provide a specific crowd estimate.

The tradition, which is not sanctioned by the university, began in 1974.

College kids clubs promote admissions

By William Hageman
MRT

Maybe it's the free tickets to college sporting events. Or the T-shirts. Or perhaps it's the dream of someday painting your face maroon and yelling yourself hoarse.

Whatever the reason, college kids clubs — which offer free admission to athletic events, team paraphernalia and other goodies to those in 8th grade or younger — have become as common on campuses as beer pong tables in frat houses.

"It works probably twofold," says Patrick Schultz, director

"...they'll have good memories of Loyola, and that might help our admissions as well."

Patrick Schultz | Director of Marketing

of marketing and promotions at Loyola University, where the Rambler Kids Club is in its second year. "One, we want to get them as Rambler fans right away, to start them out as Rambler fans. And maybe someday, if they come to our events, when they're choosing a college they'll have good memories of Loyola, and that might help our admissions as well."

Relationships between colleges and youngsters are nothing new, according to Robert A. Sevier,

senior vice president, strategy, for Stamats, a higher-education research, planning and consulting company with offices around the country.

"There's an old saw in marketing [that] the best time to reach a high school junior or senior is when they're 14 or 15, or 12 or 13," Sevier says. "And what you're really trying to do there is get your name, get the college on the radar screen for these students before everyone else does."

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PARTIES

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candidate goes through are many, but of no help is the relatively quiet support at college campuses. BGSU is no exception.

"I know that this is not a short-term venture, and I don't expect to win this campaign," said Anita Rios, the Green Party candidate for lieutenant governor.

With winning the election all but impossible, campaigning takes on a different form — a labor of love and a dedication to different ideas.

"We believe in a socialist future, a radical transformation," said Libero Della Piana, national organizational secretary for the New York City-based Communist Party. "That's a huge thing, we know that's not small."

"It's important to remember," Piana said, "in a society where there's been a major revolution, it was difficult to imagine that it could have been anything else."

For now, the "anything else" is the United States' two-party system, but there also is a distinct difference in ideology between the five candidates.

Talk to Fitrakis and he'll start on wind power and his experience as an international elections monitor.

"As a third party I think it's part of our job to guarantee ... the current two party system is fair," Fitrakis said. "I'm greatly concerned that the mainstream media and the two major parties are incapable of dealing with voter irregularities."

Peirce, a retired economics professor, immediately jumps on the state government's back.

"I'm the only one of the candidates who really understands why the state has not progressed economically," Peirce said.

"If you listen to the other candidates, they'll start reading off a list of industries ... they think the government should protect," he said. "This is precisely how the state has blown a lot of money."

Beating drums for change...

Ask the third-party candidates and you get the same response: Lots and lots of citizens, some say two-thirds, are fed up with Republicans and Democrats.

"We all look at politics as something dirty, something corrupt, and it doesn't have to be that way," Rios said.

The call is even greater at college campuses, according to Fitrakis, where students are "dying for an alternative message."

But are students hearing the calls for change? It's tough to say.

Zero also happens to be the number of on-campus groups representing the Green or Libertarian Parties—and Socialist, Communist, Constitution and any other parties for that matter.

None of the third or independent candidates have had much of a presence at BGSU to date.

"We're not a huge organization and there are a lot of areas we could concentrate on in terms of youth," said Scott Urquhart, northwest regional representative for the Libertarian Party of Ohio.

Peirce has been here once during the campaign, and the Greens haven't stopped in at all.

"There's a tendency in the third party campaign to not invite yourself up unless someone wants to hear you," Fitrakis said.

Would it have mattered? Roughly 180 people at BGSU identify themselves as libertarian on Facebook. That's small, but it's more than enough for a potential organization to match the draw of campus Republicans or Democrats, who typically get 20-

30 students at each meeting.

The only Facebook Green Party-labeled group tops out at 2 members, and while the site certainly isn't a strong indicator of the parties' local popularity, their Democrat and Republican counterparts draw hundreds of members.

Factor in supporters of any party who don't have Facebook accounts and the number increases, but for small parties, no major campus movements are on the way unless students are at the helm, Urquhart said.

"There's a lot of political thought in folks that age," he said, "you just try to be active and look for the creativity of the campus for them to do their thing."

The party itself would focus more on bringing in speakers and working with the College Democrats and Republicans, he said.

"I really think we probably should be doing more ... our ideals may ring true for a lot of the folk."

...to an empty room

They certainly have for Mark Hosterman, a senior, libertarian and Peirce supporter.

Last year, Hosterman and a friend tried to start an on-campus libertarian group, but the project got nowhere, and he points to the essential individualism of libertarian thought as a probable cause.

"Libertarians are the type of people that are really hard to get involved," Hosterman said, "you have to engage them in a positive [way]."

"We all look at politics as something dirty, something corrupt, and it doesn't have to be that way."

Anita Rios | Green Party

Today, he regrets giving up so soon and says he should have done more to promote Peirce.

But Peirce doesn't blame Hosterman entirely. He pointed only to already well-established chapters, like at Ohio State, as the successful campus libertarian groups.

"[Hosterman] put his finger on a real problem," Peirce said, "not just among students but among adults, too."

Peirce was at BGSU in April as part of his signature drive to get onto the ballot. Working the Union area, he said he got as many signatures as he normally did on college campuses, a bit of a surprise.

"People were interested. I've been told [northwest Ohio] is heavily Democratic and might not be receptive," he said.

BGSU's Economics Club had been trying to

arrange for Peirce to return before election day, but scheduling conflicts now make that doubtful, said Matthias Paustian, their adviser.

There used to be a libertarian group in Toledo, but Peirce said now it's been reduced to an e-mail list.

"I think people got burned out because their candidates didn't win in the past," he said, "which is a problem that all minor parties face."

Burnout is exactly what happened to the local Green Party presence after the 2000 presidential elections, when Ralph Nader refused to exit, taking, some say, enough votes from Democrat Al Gore to swing the election to

George Bush.

Rios said the contentious vote caused the group to become too big, too quickly.

"In a sense, that became unwieldy," she said.

"There were a number of people [at BGSU] but they've graduated."

Rios and Fitrakis aren't planning a last-minute stop at BGSU this campaign season, and Fitrakis said their work has moved toward observing the election for fairness.

"If things go bad in this election, we don't think we can count on the Democrats ... to defend the people's right to vote," Fitrakis said.

But he still stressed how easily grassroots organization and youthful desire for change can be combined into the "future of the Green movement" — even without his appearance here.

"We're first going to elect people ... in the counties and areas where the large campuses are," he said.

"Bowling Green is in many ways the most green area in the state, you've actually got windmills up there," Fitrakis said, "and that's the message that's got to come out. It's not surprising it's coming out of a college town."

Fitrakis and Rios both gave support to BGSU's new chapter of NORML, the marijuana law reform supporters, but NORML is waiting until at least next year until it starts to get more politically involved, said Matt Bruggeman, a group officer.

A taste of Europe

Perhaps unsurprisingly, there are no socialist or communist groups registered on campus.

"I'm sure [a local socialist group] exists, I just haven't sought it out," said Peter Barlow, a BGSU sophomore. "I've pretty much accepted it's going to be a while before

there's a socialist president."

Barlow is in the "BGSU Socialists" Facebook group, an 11-member hodgepodge that some said they simply stumbled upon.

"Does anyone else share my dismay in that there are only seven members of this group?" wrote a member, Justin Sisler, on their message board in September.

"Socialism is still a dirty word to a lot of people, so I'm not terribly surprised," replied Alex Bean, a sophomore who created the group.

In a later interview, Bean said he started "BGSU Socialists" last spring to seek out other like-minded students, but not for much more.

"The role [is] ... just to let other people know there are similar views out there in Bowling Green, that the whole world isn't just divided into the liberal Democrats and the conservative Republicans," he said, "that both sides have their coalitions and their extremes and their moderates."

Several members describe themselves as democratic socialists, based on the dominant politics of northern and western European countries.

"We feel it's necessary to help one another and that the government should be involved in helping one another," Sisler said.

"It's definitely something to pursue and to work for."

A chapter of the International Socialist Organization is active at the University of Toledo, but its president and faculty adviser could not be reached for this article.

Another Facebook search reveals a group named "Modern Communist Revolutionaries," but its members, ironically enough, say it was an inside joke.

BLOTTER

THURSDAY

4:48 a.m.

East Napoleon Road resident called to report being assaulted.

FRIDAY

1 a.m.

Matthew J. Haycock, 21, arrested for disorderly conduct and fighting at an East Napoleon Road apartment complex. Earlier, he flagged down officers and said he'd been in a fight and had a bat because his friend was being threatened. When he brought out the bat, Robert P. Hostetter III, 20, tackled him and they started fighting. Hostetter was also arrested for disorderly conduct and fighting.

2:08 a.m.

Cara D. Cenkus, 22, and Zandra N. Vielma, 23, arrested for disorderly conduct and fighting on North Main Street.

3:51 a.m.

Subject at Wood County Hospital reported being assaulted at South Enterprise Street and Lehman earlier in the night.

10:46 p.m.

Thomas O. Weber, 19, arrested for criminal damaging and underage under the influence at an East Wooster Street home. Cole D. Helberg, 19, was cited for underage under the influence and criminal trespassing.

SATURDAY

12:04 a.m.

Subject dressed as a construction worker reported to have run into

traffic.

1:02 a.m.

Daniel K. Sullivan, 19, arrested for attempting to use a fake ID at a North Main Street bar.

2:03 a.m.

Richard Douglas Penn, Jr., 21, and Nicholas J. Miller, 24, arrested for disorderly conduct and fighting at Wooster and Main streets. One of the men was punched in the face, breaking his phone. Both subjects had conflicting stories.

2:13 a.m.

Daniel J. Miller, 21, arrested for operating a vehicle while under the influence.

2:21 a.m.

Fight reported to be starting up on Troup Avenue. The caller said he heard threats being made but all subjects were gone when police arrived.

2:42 a.m.

Five intoxicated subjects reported to be trying to get into a South College Drive home.

3:14 a.m.

Subject reported his vehicle was stolen from North Prospect Street. The caller was intoxicated and after 30 minutes, police found it parked in Lot 2 where he had left it. Once the vehicle was secured, the subject called 911 again. He was told not to call unless it was an emergency. Later, he called 911 again and stated his vehicle was "moving" as he could see it on "low jack." He was told his vehicle was not moving and was still parked in Lot 2. The dispatcher told him to go to sleep and check the vehicle in the morning.

4:22 a.m.

Two subjects reported to be refusing to leave Wood County Hospital.

7:31 p.m.

Sheffield Drive resident reported someone used his credit card.

7:52 p.m.

David J. Romano, 21, arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia at an East Wooster Street home

after police found a marijuana pipe and residue while he got money to post bond.

10:46 p.m.

Subject reported to be standing on an electrical box swinging and throwing milk crates in Lot 4. He was given a warning for disorderly conduct.

SUNDAY

12:39 a.m.

Matthew S. Boggs, 19, was arrested for disorderly conduct, criminal trespassing and underage under the influence at a North Main Street apartment. Neil M. Groening, 19, arrested for disorderly conduct and underage under the influence.

12:44 a.m.

Robert D. Hill, 20, arrested for criminal trespassing, drug abuse and possession of drug paraphernalia after a Clough Street resident reported Hill was on his front porch.

1:18 a.m.

Juvenile reported to be trying to use a fake ID to get into a North Main Street bar.

1:54 a.m.

South Summit Street resident called to report a Jeep was blocking the alley way near her home. She said she saw a subject run up to the vehicle and start to hit it. She reported hearing what she believed to be four to five gunshots. Another vehicle sustained \$200 damage after a rock was thrown at it. Police at the scene believed it was a .380 gun and not a shotgun.

2:02 a.m.

Sarah L. Voral, 19, cited for operating a vehicle while under the influence on South Main Street.

2:37 a.m.

Male reported punching a female in Lot 2.

2:57 a.m.

Robin J. II Sheldon, 22, arrested on Troup Avenue for disorderly conduct after he had an altercation with a female. Jacob C. Haines, 21, also arrested for disorderly conduct.

3:45 a.m.

Subject cited for disorderly conduct after he threatened to "blow up" an East Wooster Street restaurant when he received an order that he didn't call in.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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This list is compiled using local event calendars and submissions.

TODAY

6:30 p.m.

ARTalks with Tony Hepburn, artist and writer
Fine Arts 1101

7 p.m.

Iraq for Sale, free showing
Main Branch Toledo Library

8 p.m.

Catholic Newman Club
St. Thomas More

8-10 p.m.

Poetry, Prose & Ponderings Open Reading

open-mic signups at 7:30

Brewed Awakenings Coffee House in Toledo

ONGOING

9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Research Project Clinics, call ahead for an appointment

UC may challenge ban

By Matt Krupnick
MRT

BERKELEY, Calif. — If the University of California challenges the state ban on affirmative action, the timing will need to be right, UC President Robert Dynes said Friday.

Speaking at a daylong conference on the effects and future of Proposition 209, Dynes and others said California's demographics eventually will change enough to overturn the 1996 voter-approved ban.

"I surely want to win the first [lawsuit], because if we lose the first one, we will take two to three steps back," Dynes said. "We should be pushing sensibly with a reasonable probability of our winning."

Enrollment of black and Hispanic students dipped precipitously across the UC system after Prop. 209 took effect, especially at the most selective campuses, such as UC Berkeley and UCLA.

The numbers have slowly rebounded, but university leaders have pushed for more reforms.

At the Berkeley conference, educators and administrators said the admissions process in particular needs to change to prevent minority students from

"I think 209 is profoundly wrong, morally wrong,"

Robert Birgeneau | Chancellor

being affected unfairly by grade-point average and test-score requirements. The system's nine undergraduate campuses admit the top 12.5 percent of high school seniors, based on grades, SAT scores and other factors.

Before Prop. 209, public universities also used race among admissions criteria.

"I think 209 is profoundly wrong, morally wrong," said UC Berkeley Chancellor Robert Birgeneau, a frequent critic of the affirmative-action ban in the two years since he arrived in California.

"We can't have a truly fair system until 209 is reversed," he said to applause.

Participants in the conference, including several hundred leaders and scholars from across the state, were decidedly against Prop. 209. The event was organized by UC Berkeley's Boalt Hall law school, where Dean Christopher Edley often has expressed his displeasure with the ban.

Words of wisdom



JORDAN FLOWER | THE BG NEWS

Hockey coach lectures on leadership

TAKING THE LEAD: Scott Paluch, head coach of the BGSU men's hockey team, addressed about 50 people last night in the St. Thomas Moore parish on leadership on and off the playing field — or ice in his case.

Study shows degrees pay

By Matt Henry
U-WIRE

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va.

— The U.S. Census Bureau released a series of tables Thursday titled, "Educational Attainment in the United States: 2005," showing a significant difference in earnings of employees with bachelor's degrees and those with high school diplomas.

According to the table, available on the U.S. Census Bureau Web site, college graduates earn an average of \$51,554 per year, while high school graduates earn an average of \$28,645 per year.

Mike Bergman, public affairs specialist at the Census Bureau, clarified that the Bureau classified earnings as salary and wages, while income is comprised of salary, wages and investment income.

According to the Web site, the data was collected by the Current Population Survey's Annual Social and Economic Supplement, and is based on figures from 2005.

Bergman said the tables are based on data collected every year around March from a survey sent to about 80,000 households.

"We ask questions about how much they earned in the previous calendar year," he said.

Although the table shows the earnings gap between college and high school graduates has decreased slightly from the previous year, this information was not stated in the official report. The Census Bureau was unable to comment on any economic changes that this year's data might show.

"We are basically in the business of collecting and publishing the data, and a lot of the interpretation we leave up to expert data users out there," Bergman said.

Economics Prof. William Johnson said the income gap has generally been increasing since the 1970s.

"The trend from the last 20 to 25 years has been for it to be widening, or at least not shrinking," he said.

CAMPUS BRIEF

OU Halloween sees decrease in arrests

ATHENS, Ohio (AP) — Police made 82 arrests at an annual Halloween block party, slightly fewer than last year, police said yesterday.

Most of the people arrested over the weekend were charged with disorderly conduct and underage drinking, police said. Twenty-three were Ohio University students.

The Athens Fire Department also is investigating three vehicle fires as possible arson.

Police made 95 arrests last year and 98 in 2004.

Officials with the university and city had promised to be tougher this year on partygoers who got out of line during the event, which includes free concerts and costume judging.

The party has attracted as many as 20,000 people to downtown Athens in the past, but city Police Chief Rick Mayer said this year's crowd was the smallest in years. Police could not provide a specific crowd estimate.

The tradition, which is not sanctioned by the university, began in 1974.

College kids clubs promote admissions

By William Hageman
MRT

Maybe it's the free tickets to college sporting events. Or the T-shirts. Or perhaps it's the dream of someday painting your face maroon and yelling yourself hoarse.

Whatever the reason, college kids clubs — which offer free admission to athletic events, team paraphernalia and other goodies to those in 8th grade or younger — have become as common on campuses as beer pong tables in frat houses.

"It works probably twofold," says Patrick Schultz, director

"...they'll have good memories of Loyola, and that might help our admissions as well."

Patrick Schultz | Director of Marketing

of marketing and promotions at Loyola University, where the Rambler Kids Club is in its second year. "One, we want to get them as Rambler fans right away, to start them out as Rambler fans. And maybe someday, if they come to our events, when they're choosing a college they'll have good memories of Loyola, and that might help our admissions as well."

Relationships between colleges and youngsters are nothing new, according to Robert A. Sevier,

senior vice president, strategy, for Stamats, a higher-education research, planning and consulting company with offices around the country.

"There's an old saw in marketing [that] the best time to reach a high school junior or senior is when they're 14 or 15, or 12 or 13," Sevier says. "And what you're really trying to do there is get your name, get the college on the radar screen for these students before everyone else does."

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OPINION

"C'mon! And this man is a United States congressman?" — Al Gore
At a campaign event after Seattle Mayor Greg Nickels said that Rep. Dave Reichert (R-Wash.) doesn't believe that climate change is caused by humans, from Time.com

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PEOPLE ON THE STREET

What are you going to dress up as for Halloween?



"One of Bob Barker's beauties."

CHRISTINA WEITZEL, Senior, English and Psychology



"Bob Barker."

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"Paris Hilton. She's hot."

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Hypocrisy in the Republican party



JON BOSSCHER
OPINION COLUMNIST

This election year, we voters are faced with an overabundance of information about candidates and elections.

From the myriad traditional news sources to the online community of amateur reporters and commentators, there is no shortage of information available to the responsible, concerned citizen.

I, however, have opted for a very different approach. This year, my votes and political inclinations will be determined by one thing and one thing only: television attack ads.

The ads cost millions of dollars each, so they must be credible. Plus I have always viewed voting as a choice between the lesser of two evils. What better way to plumb the depths of such evil than by watching ads that actually suggest certain candidates may, in fact, be evil?

Take, for example, Wisconsin's 8th House District. A recent ad attacking the Democratic challenger, Steve Kagan, accuses the physician and father of having been associated with child rapist and murderer, David Spanbauer.

What the ad doesn't say is that Kagan once hired an attorney who also happened

to have defended Spanbauer years ago, thus Kagan approves of child rape. For my part, I'm sold. I don't want anyone so closely associated with rape running this country. Now, e-mailing congressional pages about masturbating... that's a different story.

Next up, a titillating ad being run in New York State against Democratic Congressional candidate Michael Arcuri by — who else? — the Republican National Committee. The ad shows Arcuri leering at the silhouette of a dancing woman who says, "Hi, sexy. You've reached the live, one-on-one fantasy line."

According to the ad, Arcuri called a sex-chat line while in office and charged the bill to taxpayers.

In fact, someone from his office was trying to reach the state Department of Criminal Justice which happens to have the same seven-digit extension, and immediately hung up when he realized he had called the wrong number.

The total charge to taxpayers was \$1.25. However, as a values-oriented voter I cannot allow such insignificant "facts" to get in the way of my outrage. If we elect congressmen who call phone-sex lines, what is to stop them from making advances on young, defenseless congressional pages? Oops, too late.

The best attack ad yet, however, is being run in Tennessee by — you guessed it — the Republican National Committee. The ad features

a scantily clad white woman winking at the camera and asking Democratic candidate Harold Ford Jr., a black man, to "call me."

While the ad has been roundly criticized for its racial overtones, it also accuses Ford of accepting money from the pornography industry and of favoring terrorists. For the RNC, this is just a throw-back to the race-baiting tactics that helped them scare whitey into voting their way since the Civil War.

While only time will tell if Tennessee voters are willing to be swayed by fears of interracial relationships, I for one am taking no chances. If Ford is taking money from known pornographers, what will stop congressmen from taking money from all kinds of illegal sources?

Oh, wait, the Republican leadership has already beat them to that one as well.

I have learned a lot about politics this year. By ignoring inconvenient "facts," the candidates' actual records and the current state of the country and obtaining my information solely from attack ads, I have discovered that the Democratic party is primarily made up of rapists, perverts and otherwise scurrilous characters.

Thank Jesus we still have the Republicans to save us from the evil Democrats.

Send comments to Jon Bosscher at jbossch@bgsu.edu.

WEB SITE POLL

How much do political advertisements on television impact your vote?

-I don't pay attention to them:
73 people= 68%

-Slightly:
24 people= 22%

-I don't vote:
10 people= 9%

-I completely rely on them:
1 person= 1%

Total respondents: 108

This BG News poll is not scientific and reflects the opinions of only those Internet users who have chosen to participate. The results cannot be assumed to represent the opinions of the Internet users in general, nor the public as a whole.

"In any choice that people make... you want to know the strength and the weaknesses. And negative [political] ads provide those weaknesses."

- John Geer, a Vanderbilt University political science professor.

Congress needs a pay cut this season



BRIAN SZABELSKI
OPINION COLUMNIST

"It's time for Congress to pay up for their lack of work. What better way to do it than to hit them where it hurts: their wallets."

With stories of corruption and incompetence on Capitol Hill flying across the airwaves, it makes sense that the effort in Washington is being put in question.

CNN has recently been running a series of stories and specials called "Broken Government." In the series, CNN looks into the idea — perhaps the fact — that our wonderful elected leaders just might be failing at their duties.

So what? It's been obvious, you think. However, there are things going on in Congress that you probably don't even know about.

For example, do you know how many days a week your congressional representatives work at the moment?

If you said anything but three days a week, you're wrong. According to CNN's findings, that's how many days on average your representatives work for you.

Former Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott backs up those findings. In CNN's story, Lott mentioned that many co-workers on Capitol Hill would come to him, looking to leave by Friday for a four-day weekend.

Maybe that could explain why Congress gets nothing done these days. Half the time means half the work getting done.

But wait, there's more! Though they work less and less, congressional pay has been slowly on the rise. The U.S. Senate's own Web site, www.senate.gov, lists Senate salaries all the way back to 1789. Since 2000, Senate pay has increased nearly \$25,000.

Currently, each member of Congress earns \$165,200 per year, while House and Senate leaders earn more than that. Seems like a fair amount for a whole year's worth of work.

But Congress doesn't work all year. In fact, last year, the Senate was only in session for 159 days during the year. The House was only in session for 141 days in 2005.

On top of that, federal disclosure forms released this summer by all 100 senators revealed that 40 of them are millionaires. Similar releases in 2004 revealed 123 of the 435 representatives were millionaires as well. However, because representatives are re-elected quite frequently, it's likely that these numbers are still fairly accurate.

The idea that this Congress

is doing nothing, yet taking nearly \$90 million a year for it, is absolutely ludicrous and shouldn't happen.

Perhaps a pay scale based on attendance or performance could best judge what members of Congress should earn. The problem, though, is there is no way to really judge either attendance or performance correctly.

Instead, I propose cutting congressional pay significantly.

The first part involves dividing members of Congress by those who are millionaires and those who are not. Those earning more than \$1 million would receive no pay for being a member of Congress.

The reasoning behind this idea is that members of Congress with more than \$1 million don't really have a need for the extra money. They're already better off than many Americans, and their salaries can go toward better things.

The second part involves cutting the pay of all other members of Congress in half, to \$82,600. Doing half the work equals out to getting half of the pay.

All in all, these cuts would save the taxpayers \$58 million that could better be put toward better purposes. Perhaps we could use it as an initial investment towards education or fighting poverty. You know, things we should be putting some money into?

The American taxpayer should not have to pay for a half-done job. Congress has failed to pass important legislation on the minimum wage, Social Security reform, immigration and a host of other issues.

Instead, they spend their days taking pot-shots at each other over everything going wrong. If I wanted to see the left and right go after each other, I'd watch old tapes of "Crossfire."

It's time for Congress to pay up for their lack of work. What better way to do it than to hit them where it hurts: their wallets.

Send comments to Brian Szabelski at bszabel@bgsu.edu.

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"Extreme" population control

BRIAN THORTON | KENT STATE

Ten years ago, President Bill Clinton signed a controversial bill that drastically altered government welfare.

Don't worry, this column isn't about welfare reform.

Opponents of the old welfare system used to complain that one of the biggest problems was that women were practically encouraged to have more children because their benefits would go up.

As sometimes happens when the government gets out of a particular business, the private sector has stepped in. Bring on "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition."

Is it even possible to get on the show without having a litter of children? The actual ABC network standards are, no doubt, the subject of an intense confidentiality order. But I'm guessing if you don't have at least four kids, you're not getting an extreme makeover. And if four rugrats are all you have, one of them better have a severe disability. Or your spouse better have died in a horrific accident.

Eight or 10 kiddies is a much better number in TV's logic. Last week, I watched Ty Pennington rebuild the house of a family with six kids, plus one who had recently died and one on the way. The producers must have seen that application and shrieked, "Eureka!"

That family was living in terrible poverty. If you're a regular viewer of the show, you've seen crowded double-wides, unbelievable mold growths and living conditions that can be described as nothing other than a shack.

I have great admiration for the "Extreme Makeover" families made up of foster and adopted kids. Those parents, so often single mothers, are clearly taking in children who have no place else to go.

What I don't understand are the parents popping out a

dozen kids the old-fashioned way. How dare they continue to procreate, knowing that each child pushes the others closer and closer to a desolate life of poverty?

My liberal, logical side wants to lecture me on the effects of poverty on judgments about birth control. But another part of me just wants to shout, "Next time you're pushing out another baby, have the plumbing turned off, too!"

Big, natural-born families in this day are simply irresponsible and selfish. I come from a large family: I have nine uncles, two aunts and literally dozens of cousins. But mine is a family born in the Catholic farming world of the 1930s and '40s. Birth control wasn't an option, and my grandparents had a need for kids to plow the fields and feed the hogs.

But with this generation, my parents had two kids and stopped. In time, my sister and I will "replace" our parents. We won't add to the world's population, and we won't, if we try, consume more resources than the previous generation.

I don't see how the human race (and all the rest of the world's animal and plant species, for that matter) can survive if we keep reproducing at this rate.

We keep buying and eating and burning and throwing away such vast quantities of garbage that one day the beautiful trees and sky and water will all be gone, and we'll just be drowning in gray smoggy skies and enormous piles of cardboard packaging and plastic Target bags.

I won't be having any kids - after I'm gone, only my 165 pounds of organic matter will be left to pollute the planet. Perhaps I should grant my "replacement kid" to my sister - that way she and her husband can have three.

That still won't get them on "Extreme Makeover."

President Bush: deny, deny, counter-accuse

JASON HODSON | BALL STATE U.

I knew this clever, conniving and morally lacking man who was advising another person having relationship difficulties.

The advice came to, "When she starts arguing with you about something you did, deny, deny, counter-accuse." While the angel of good conscience told me that was probably a terrible way of dealing with an argument, the devil of bad conscience informed me that this was a very effective way of ending an argument.

I think the Bush administration has been listening to the devil and embarking upon this terrible, but effective, way of ending arguments.

In October 2002, the United States declared war on Iraq, ignoring portions of the citizenry that declared the war would be unjust.

Deny: Bush and his administration justified the Iraq war, claiming the country possessed weapons of mass destruction.

Deny: Bush also stated, "Hussein aids and protects terrorists."

Counter-Accuse: Bush recently proclaimed, "Terrorists would take control of Iraq and establish a new safe haven for which to launch new attacks on America."

The highest ranking CIA official in Europe, recently retired Tyler Drumheller, reported to 60 Minutes that Bush has ignored crucial information regarding weapons of mass destruction in April 2006. The CIA reported to a Senate committee that there was no evidence of weapons of mass destruction in Iraq.

As for terrorists, al-Qaida has members in over 70 countries, including the US, according to CIA reports. Under this logic, are we to finish the conflict in Iraq and continue to topple the dominoes in other countries?

Is there a board with a list of host countries waiting to have the chalk line of war drawn through them?

Where does the use of war,

death, and destruction to combat global US dissenters end?

Communists, the enemy of America's way of life two decades ago, have control in China, North Korea and Vietnam, to name a few. Sudan, Iran, Cuba and Pakistan have sponsored, harbored, trained, and betrayed terrorists within their own borders.

Is America responsible and morally justified in putting combat troops in the cities of these nations with no more than a hunch of violent potential?

Recently, a report was published in the British medical digest, The Lancet that approximates the Iraqi death toll to be 600,000. For an approximation, I would be willing to say the figure is off by 200,000 — you do the math.

Deny: The day after the report, Bush said, "I don't consider it a credible report."

Deny: He further said, "Neither does Gen. Casey and neither do the Iraqi officials."

Counter-Accuse: He fin-

ished with, "The method is pretty well discredited."

John Hopkins School of Public Health has been conducting surveys in 50 countries studying the effects of HIV and other major health issues affecting populations with consistent and well documented results. John Hopkins School of Public Health is a consistently No. 1 ranked school by US News and World Report. I believe the John Hopkins School of Public Health has squeaked by on credibility.

Furthermore, Bush "applauded" the Iraqis for the courage in the face of violence, as if the Iraqi people were given a choice before having war waged in their country. I guess I should be applauded for breathing oxygen.

We need to start listening to what the government is telling us and not just hearing what the government is telling us.

The information is available if you look. Unless, of course, you like the sound of deny, deny, counter-accuse.

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Citizens of Congo seek life-changing government, leaders

Voters look to elect officials who will work to rebuild Congo in its first democratic election in 40 years

By Laurie Goering
MRT

KISANTU, Congo — Like many Congolese, Andre Mayemba can't see much evidence his nation even has a government.

His thatched-roof house at the edge of this small provincial town has no electricity or running water. When his wife or children get sick, he takes them to a hospital run by the Roman Catholic Church. Kisantu, just 60 miles west of Kinshasa, has no public bus service, no train service and no airport, and the World Bank — not the government — paid to repair its potholed main road.

The government does operate the public schools, but Mayemba complains the fees — \$30 per child per year — make it hard for many poor families to educate their children in a country where the average annual wage is about \$100.

"There is no government here, and there never was," the 41-year-old cassava and banana farmer said, walking home from his fields with a hoe perched on his shoulder. "That makes life very difficult."

As Congo prepared to choose its first democratically elected leader in 40 years yesterday, in a runoff election pitting incumbent President Joseph Kabila and rival politician and businessman Jean-Pierre Bemba, Congo's exhausted people were asking the same question: Can either man reconstitute the riven country, rebuild the government and really change lives?

"The big problem in Congo is lack of confidence in the government and lack of leaders who deserve the confidence of the people," said Philippe Biyoya, a political scientist at the Protestant University of Congo in Kinshasa.

Change "can happen, but it will take strong and imaginative leadership from leaders who love the country," he said. In all likelihood, "we're still waiting for them."

Congo, potentially one of Africa's wealthiest nations with its vast rainforests, huge mineral reserves and rich farmland, has been virtually destroyed by years of bad leadership. Belgian colonizers and longtime former dictator Mobutu Sese Seko looted the country. A subsequent war, which drew in most of Congo's neighbors and spawned vicious militias that still roam the country's east, destroyed the economy and left nearly 4 million people dead.

For the past three years, the divided country has officially been at peace and under the

watch of 17,500 United Nations troops. But the death toll has scarcely slowed as a result of disease, malnutrition and ongoing militia attacks.

In Congo today, corruption is endemic, a third of the children don't attend school, and most people have never paid taxes.

In Kinshasa, a city of 6 million people, government services are so weak that there is no trash removal system, which forces most people to burn their garbage by the roadside at night or simply toss it into the street or the nearby Congo River.

Fixing things "is a huge task, but it's the only task," said Olivier Kamitatu, who represents Congolese parties allied with Kabila.

Just how much needs to be done — and how hard focusing on the most crucial issues may be — is evident in a list of 100 national priorities published by Kabila, who was favored to win yesterday's runoff.

The rambling list includes, among other things, reunifying the national territory, bringing peace, respecting human rights, fighting against money laundering, reducing inflation and jump-starting a national vaccine campaign for children.

"We have all these topics that don't make a cohesive whole," Biyoya warned.

Both candidates have promised to boost the economy to

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TOP: A child displays the photo of a local election candidate in Kinshasa, Congo. The country's first democratic elections in more than 40 years are concluded yesterday with a runoff vote for president and the election of provincial representatives.

LEFT: Supporters of Congolese president Joseph Kabila march in downtown Kinshasa last Friday, holding posters with the candidate's picture. Kabila was favored over challenger Jean-Pierre Bemba in yesterday's runoff presidential election.

Philippine president calls for prayer as typhoon smashes against coastline

By Paul Alexander
The Associated Press

MANILA, Philippines — Typhoon Cimaron blasted roofs off homes as it made landfall late yesterday in the northern Philippines, with officials saying it may be one of the most powerful storms to ever hit the country. The president called for prayers, and hospitals and troops prepared for the worst.

With winds gusting up to 143 mph, Cimaron — named after a Philippine wild ox — roared across an impoverished mountainous area home to some 1.7 million people.

"This is probably one of the strongest typhoons ever to hit the country," Health Secretary Francisco Duquesa said at a news conference aired on Manila radio stations. "We need to be very careful and we need to instruct our people to make sure that all necessary precautions are being taken."

"This is probably one of the strongest typhoons ever to hit the country."

Francisco Duquesa | Health Secretary

President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo ordered schools and government offices closed in the affected area and suspended bus services in the region.

"Let us pray," she said in a national radio address.

Although the storm did not appear to be drenching the mudslide-prone area as badly as feared, rising rivers made some bridges impassable.

Hours before Cimaron made landfall, Isabela province was placed under the highest of a four-step warning system to advise residents to abandon vulnerable

coasts and mountains.

"The wind is really blowing strong. Trees are swaying and I can hear tin roof sheets banging about. Large areas are without light. We're expecting the worst," Armand Araneta, a provincial Office of Civil Defense officer, told The Associated Press by phone from Isabela.

Arroyo, who is visiting China, urged authorities and residents in four northern provinces to brace for the worst from the 16th typhoon to hit the country this year.

"I appeal to you not to venture out," Arroyo said in her radio address.

The typhoon threatened commemorations for All Saints' Day on Wednesday, a public holiday when millions travel to cemeteries to remember their dead, some leaving days in advance for outlying provinces. Officials warned people to cancel trips to threatened areas.

Muslim leader dies in Nigerian plane crash

By Bashir Adigun
The Associated Press

ABUJA, Nigeria — A Nigerian airliner carrying 104 people, including the man regarded as a spiritual leader of Muslims in Nigeria, crashed in a storm yesterday after taking off from the airport in Abuja. Most of those on board were feared dead, but at least six people survived.

The Sunni leader was among the dead in the crash, local radio reported.

Debris from the shattered plane, body parts and personal belongings of passengers were strewn over a wooded area the size of a soccer field where the plane went down, about two miles from the end of the runway at the airport in the capital of the oil-rich West African nation.

Smoke rose from the plane's mangled and smoldering fuselage as rescue workers pulled out burned corpses. About 50 bodies were gathered in a corner

of the site. The tail of the plane was hanging from a tree.

State radio reported that the Boeing 727 was en route to the northwestern city of Sokoto when it crashed shortly after taking off from the airport in Abuja during a storm. Witnesses also said there was a rainstorm at the time.

Ibrahim Farinloye, spokesman for the National Emergency Management Agency, said the plane was carrying 104 passengers and crew members. Speaking at the crash site, he said "six survivors have been evacuated to hospital." He did not comment on the fate of the other passengers.

A local radio station, Ray Power FM, reported the plane was owned by Aviation Development Co., a private Nigerian airline.

The sultan of Sokoto, Muhammadu Maccido, was among those on board, according to Mustapha Shehu, spokesman for the Sokoto state government.

Maccido is the head of the National Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs, which announces when Muslim fasts should begin and end and decides policy issues for Nigeria's overwhelmingly Sunni Muslims.

Shehu said the sultan's son, Muhammed Maccido, a senator, also was on the flight, along with Abdulrahman Shehu Shagari, son of former Nigerian President Shehu Shagari, who was in office between 1979 and 1983.

About half of Nigeria's 130 million people are Muslims. The country is the most populous in Africa and the continent's leading oil exporter.

At the airport in Abuja, security officials tried to contain a crush of people seeking information about friends or family aboard the plane.

President Olusegun Obasanjo ordered an immediate investigation into the cause of the crash, his spokeswoman Remi Oyo said in a statement.

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Israeli officials push for president's resignation

By Aron Heller
The Associated Press

Katsav resists recommendations to step down after rape indictment

JERUSALEM — Israeli President Moshe Katsav faced the strongest pressure yet to step down yesterday, when Israel's attorney general urged him to take leave while an indictment on rape and other serious charges is taking shape.

Though Attorney General Meni Mazuz's recommendation cannot force Katsav from office, it adds an influential voice to the growing chorus of officials who have called for the president to resign.

Because the law governing the presidency does not give either Mazuz or the Supreme Court the authority to rule on any aspect of the Katsav's activities, the attorney general's recommendation in a brief to the court amounted to the strongest official language Mazuz could use.

A defiant Katsav appeared determined to hang on to his office. In a statement late last night, he rejected the attorney general's recommendation, saying it was "the obligation of the authorities to do everything to seek the truth and not allow a media lynching to disrupt the investigation of the truth."

In his legal opinion, Mazuz re-

commended that Katsav consider stepping aside until the allegations are resolved. He noted that the burden fell on the president himself, but added that "it would be incorrect and inappropriate for the President to continue serving" as an indictment takes shape.

The president's refusal to step aside has complicated the investigation since some of the witnesses work for him, Mazuz also wrote.

The Israeli presidency is largely ceremonial, but is seen as a symbol of unity elevated above politics — an image that has added to popular pressure on Katsav to quit because he no longer seems to measure up.

Mazuz himself is to make the decision about whether to indict Katsav on by far the most serious charges ever considered against a high Israeli official.

Police recommended two weeks ago that the president be indicted on charges including rape and aggravated sexual assault, following a lengthy investigation into complaints by several women who worked for Katsav during his tenure as president and, before that, as a Cabinet minister.



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PLEAS FOR SUPPORT: Israeli President Moshe Katsav addresses the audience at a meeting with officials of the German Jewish Community.

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Mexican police charge into riot-plagued city to end chaos

By Mark Stevenson
The Associated Press

OAXACA, Mexico — Federal police with assault rifles and riot shields advanced into Oaxaca yesterday, bypassing or extinguishing barricades of burning tires and tree trunks in this normally picturesque tourist destination wracked by five months of protests and violence.

Officers in bulky black helmets lined a highway just shy of a sign reading "Welcome to Oaxaca" and used fire extin-

guishers to douse flames at a roadblock abandoned by retreating demonstrators.

Flanked by armored vehicles, water-cannon and bulldozers and with helicopters roaring overhead, they faced a knot of protesters who yelled insults and readied piles of stones to hurl. Some protesters used syringes to pierce their arms and legs, then paint signs decrying the police in blood.

In other parts of the city, columns of police climbed over burned-out cars and moved

past hijacked tractor-trailers, buses and other debris used to block streets, marching toward downtown. Instead of offering resistance, many protesters retreated, pledging a massive defensive in the city center.

As police marched by, some residents emerged from their homes cheering and waving white flags.

What began in late May as a teacher's strike in this colonial southern Mexican city spiraled into chaos as anarchists, students and Indian groups seized

the central plaza and barricaded streets throughout the city to demand the ouster of Oaxaca state Gov. Ulises Ruiz. Police and state forces — often in plainclothes — have shot at protesters, setting off clashes in which at least eight people have died.

President Vicente Fox, who leaves office Dec. 1, resisted repeated calls to send federal forces to Oaxaca until Saturday, a day after gunfire killed a U.S. activist-journalist and two residents.

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create badly needed jobs and to reunify the country and ensure its peace and stability. But for the most part, "their focus has not been on how to

govern but how to win and stay in power. Neither is thinking about policy," he said.

Among the growing worries is that Kabila, if he wins, has promised the prime minister's job to Antoine Gizenga, an 84-year-old political ally and former Cabinet minister.

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Bush rallies for Republican control

By Jennifer Loven
The Associated Press

SELLERSBURG, Ind. — President Bush, campaigning aggressively ahead of the high-stakes Nov. 7 elections, said Saturday Democrats should not be trusted to control Congress because they have no idea how to win in Iraq.

"I want you to think about the Democrat plan for success. There isn't one," Bush told thousands of energized Republicans packed into a high school gymnasium. "They are in agreement on one thing — they will leave before the job is done, and we will not let them."

The rally was aimed at boosting GOP Rep. Mike Sodrel, facing former Democratic Rep. Baron Hill for the third time in a rural southern Indiana district so evenly divided between the parties that each man has won once.

Before leaving Washington, the president spoke for 50 minutes with Iraq's prime minister, seeking to ease recent tensions over a U.S. plan for benchmarks for reducing the violence.

Until the Indiana campaign stop, all of Bush's approximately 90 political events in the 2005-2006 election season were fundraisers with donors willing to pay a high price to see him.

The rally was the president's first free appearance and came in the final stretch of an election that will determine whether Republicans retain their majorities in the House and Senate.

The president has five more rallies scheduled so far through Thursday, in Texas, Montana and Nevada, and two in Georgia.

Later Saturday in South Carolina, Bush greeted troops at Charleston Air Force Base. "It's a hard fight," the president said of Iraq. "And we've got a lot of brave citizens of ours in the midst of the fight. But we have a plan for victory."

The president was raising

"Five years after September the 11th, too many Democrats still do not get it..."

George W. Bush | President

money later Saturday for the Republican National Committee at a resort and spa on picturesque Kiawah Island, S.C. That fundraiser and one with Vice President Dick Cheney on Friday night, also on Kiawah, were expected to bring in \$1 million total.

At the Indiana rally, a large group of protesters gathered across the road. But inside the steamy gym, the president basked in the reception. The screaming, foot-stomping audience frequently drowned out his words with applause, chants and cheers.

His speech was disrupted several times by people calling for the troops to come home, but supporters countered with chants of "USA."

Bush — his sleeves rolled up, a wide grin on his face — gave out hugs and handshakes, cuddled babies passed up to him over the crowd and waved at his supporters. The wear of the campaign season showed in his voice, which sounded as if it might soon give out.

To support his claim that Democrats are offering no clear alternative to his leadership on Iraq, the president noted some Democrats have urged an immediate pullout of U.S. troops from Iraq, while others have advocated a specific date by which all American soldiers will come home or cutting off money for the war.

"Five years after September the 11th, too many Democrats still do not get it," Bush said. "The best way to protect the homeland is to find the enemy and defeat them overseas."

Fire ravages California mountains



DESTRUCTION: Lili Arroyo, 76, stands looking at what is left of her home, a small trailer which burned to the ground during the Esperanza Fire Thursday.

By Allison Hoffman
The Associated Press

BEAUMONT, Calif. — Dying winds and cooler temperatures gave firefighters an edge yesterday in fighting a 63-square-mile wildfire that killed four of their own last week, although the blaze was still threatening a wilderness area plagued by drought and filled with dead trees.

Fire officials said the 40,450-acre blaze blamed on arson, burning in southern California about 90 miles east of Los Angeles, was 70 percent contained four days after blowtorch gusts overran a U.S. Forest Service crew. Four members were killed and a fifth was left clinging to life with burns over most of his body.

Firefighter Pablo Cerda, 23, was listed in critical condition yesterday at Arrowhead Regional Medical Center after surgery Friday to remove damaged skin. Six other firefighters suffered minor injuries.

Fire officials were concerned about the eastern flank of the blaze, which borders a wilder-

"I'm not ready to see it, I just want to remember it like it was."

Carol Hurley | Homeowner

ness area that hasn't burned in more than 30 years and has been devastated by a bark beetle infestation.

"This is the only place the infrared shows any activity at all. This is also the place with the heaviest fuels we have," said fire analyst Timothy Chavez.

However, favorable weather conditions, including temperatures in the 70's, have encouraged firefighters to set full containment at 6 p.m. tomorrow.

"It's the bottom of the ninth so we want to make sure we hit it out of the park and win this thing," said Mike Wakoski, an incident commander for the U.S. Forest Service.

More than 2,800 firefighters were aided by a fleet of helicopters and airplanes, including a DC-10 jumbo jet that dropped water on flames and painted the rugged, scrub-covered canyons of Riverside County with long

swaths of red fire retardant.

While fire crews made progress on the blaze, evacuees began returning to their homes — often to find nothing left.

Carol Hurley stood Saturday at the still-smoldering wreckage of a neighbor's house in Twin Pines but was unable to bear the sight of what was left of her own lopsided home.

"I'm not ready to see it," said Hurley, 68. "I just want to remember it like it was."

Three of her children and a grandson dug through piles of concrete searching for jewelry and other valuables, but found little more than a blackened fork and knife and remnants of her China.

Only the stone fireplace and one corner of the foundation was left. The rest was in palm-sized pieces, looking as though it had been shattered by a wrecking ball.

NATION BRIEF

BG NEWS WIRE SOURCES

Weekend storm leaves New York in the dark

NEW YORK (AP) — Thousands of homes and businesses had no electricity yesterday from Maryland to Maine as a storm system blasted the region with winds gusting to more than 50 mph, knocking over trees and a construction crane. The storm was blamed for at least two deaths. Gusts of 70 mph were possible yesterday in northern New York state, the National Weather Service said.

St. Louis declared most dangerous city in U.S.

ST. LOUIS — Just days after the St. Louis Cardinals won the top honor in Major League Baseball, their hometown jumped to first place on a list no one wants to lead the most dangerous cities in the United States.

This Midwestern city has long been in the upper tiers of the annual ranking of the nation's safest and most dangerous cities, compiled by Morgan Quitno Press. Violent crime surged nearly 20 percent there this year, when the rate of such crimes rose much faster in the Midwest than in the rest of the nation, according to FBI figures released in June.

The ranking, being released today, came as the city was still celebrating Friday's World Series victory at the new Busch Stadium. St. Louis has been spending millions of dollars on urban renewal even as the crime rate climbs.

Mayor Francis Slay did not return calls seeking comment yesterday.

Scott Morgan, president of Morgan Quitno Press, a private research and publishing company specializing in state and city reference books, said he was not surprised to see St. Louis top the list, since it has been among the 10 most dangerous cities for years.

Morgan said the study looks at crime only within St. Louis city limits, with a population of about 330,000. It doesn't take into account the suburbs in St. Louis County, which has roughly 980,000 residents.

The safest city in 2005 was Brick, N.J., population about 78,000, followed by Amherst, N.Y., and Mission Viejo, Calif. The second most dangerous city was Detroit, followed by Flint, Mich., and Compton, Calif.

The national FBI figures released in June showed the murder rate in St. Louis jumped 16 percent in 2005, compared with 4.8 percent nationally. The overall violent crime rate increased nearly 20 percent, compared with 2.5 percent nationally.

While crime increased in all regions last year, the 5.7 percent rise in the 12 Midwestern states was at least three times higher than any other region, according to the FBI.

Visiting St. Louis on Thursday, FBI director Robert Mueller said it was too early to tell why some types of crime were rising faster in the Midwest.

Mueller said the FBI is working harder to form partnerships with police departments to launch programs like St. Louis' Safe Streets task force.

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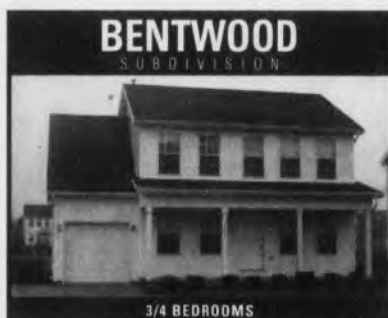
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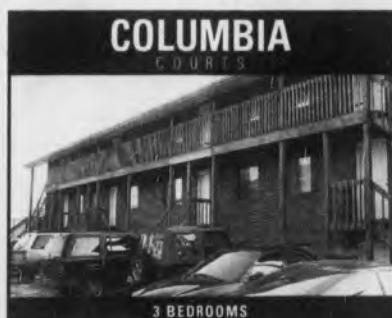
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HOME

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She suggests students should think about their life goals and the worries that keep them from being on their own way before the day they graduate.

"I think the question becomes

whether or not you are willing to turn down a great job offer in your field because you don't want to come out of your comfort zone," Kroll added.

Even though there is plenty to do as a senior in college, like apply for graduation and complete internships, not all students wait until last minute to

get things together.

"The job I have was already set up for me. It was just a matter of doing some paperwork, and I was working in a few weeks," said Tonisha Davis, recent sports management graduate.

On the contrary, Stephanie Wammes, a recent graduate, said she didn't have a job lined up

when she finished school. Now she's still looking for a steady job in her chosen field.

"I am working two part-time jobs to cover bills, but I'm not in a rush, just going with the flow of things," Wammes said.

For these two girls, moving back home was something expected, but not really pre-

ferred.

"It was okay moving back home, due to financial situations, but it's just hard to adjust back to your parents' rules," Davis said.

But some students who are more heavily influenced by their families don't mind the adjustment.

"Since I'm a big family person,

I'm relieved that I could move back in because some people can't do that, but I like it," Wammes said.

Davis and Wammes both love living at home, but say they'll be very excited to move out.

"I'm completely excited about moving on my own," Wammes said.

DAY

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Traditionally during the holiday, family members visit graves and create the altars, which are adorned with fruits and vegetables, since it is believed that the dead are hungry and thirsty from their long and hard journey into the living world, and are decorated with flowers, candles, photos of the departed and personal items.

During this celebration, many people create figures or drawings where skeletons are seen dancing, drinking, or simply enjoying themselves.

"Playful skeletons are used to poke fun at the seriousness of life and death," Dora Lopez, a local resident who has been building altars for 15 years, said. "As a mental health counselor, I find it very therapeutic to get my stuff out and work on my altar. There is a few weeks' process of getting ready and thinking about the lives of those that have died."

Pictures of her mother, father and dog are all featured in her altar, which won the contest at the event last year.

"This ritual dates back to the Aztecs, who didn't have a very long lifespan and I believe they used this to cope with sometimes an almost imminent death," Lopez said.

Indicative of the culture shift, she also said during the opening of ceremonies, "Americans would do well to adopt the Mexican view of death — that it is not an ending, but an extension of life."

Following the history of the holiday and toasting of the Sofia Quintero Art and Cultural Center, a Catholic priest led guests in prayer in Spanish and opened the dinner.

Balderas spoke of the community the Sofia Quintero Center he has resided in for the past ten years.

"This was a heavily populated Latino area years ago, in this Old South End. The second generation of kids that grew up here usually moved out, but the parents are still here and people immigrating from Mexico come here," he said.

The Sofia Quintero Art and Cultural Center's mission is to "support and give voice to artistic and educational expression that advance community



IN RECOGNITION OF THE DEAD: Shrines like this one are set up to honor the deceased for Day of the Dead celebrations. Playful skeletons are used to poke fun at the seriousness of life and death, says Dora Lopez, an avid builder of the altars.

development, cultural diversity, global awareness, responsibility and social equity, as well as empowerment of the Latina and Latino identities."

Balderas adds, "We are trying as a community to devel-

op Broadway Street and there are eight Latino organizations within a mile and a half including the Farm Labor Organizing Committee, other community centers, a law office, bakery and a few Mexican restaurants."

The Center seeks partnerships and collaborations with individuals, organizations and local city government to present various programs and events to provide community development and advancement for its residents.

The center has been partnering with the Toledo Art Museum, the Toledo Botanical Garden, the Toledo Museum of Art, The University of Toledo, BGSU and the St. Peter and Paul Guadalupe Society for the past three years to hold this event. This is also the first year the center has partnered with the Young Men's Christian Association.

"The YMCA will help to cover the costs of running the center and now the center director is employed by the YMCA," says Laurel Capabianco, a director of the YMCA.

She said she hopes the Latino community will want to use services of the YMCA and will bring awareness to other members. "We are starting a diversity initiatives committee that will make sure that we are meeting the needs of the community, which now includes the Sophia Quintero Center and the Jewish Community Center."

Judd Johnson, a Life Trustee for the YMCA said, "This partnering is a really good way for the YMCA to start providing services to the Latino Community, by supporting what the center already does."

Hussein's legal counsel breaks boycott, warns of increased violence

By Jamal Halaby
Associated Press

AMMAN, Jordan (AP) — Saddam Hussein's chief lawyer warned yesterday of worsening violence in Iraq and chaos across the Mideast if the ex-president is sentenced to death at his trial for

a crackdown on a Shiite Muslim village in the 1980s.

Khalil al-Dulaimi also said he would break a monthlong boycott and attend proceedings Monday when Saddam's second trial resumes on separate charges of genocide against the Kurds.

A verdict in Saddam's first trial

is expected Nov. 5. He and seven others are charged with crimes against humanity in connection with the killing of 148 Shiites from Dujail after a 1982 assassination attempt against him.

Conviction carries a maximum penalty of death by hanging, but can be appealed to a higher court.

Meanwhile, the U.S. ambassador to Iraq, Zalmay Khalilzad, denied speculation that the timing of the verdict was set to coincide with midterm elections in the United States.

"That decision was made by the Iraqi judges," he told CNN on yesterday when asked about the

verdict being scheduled two days ahead of the elections.

The United States assists the court with logistics and security, Khalilzad said. "But we don't determine the date for holding the meetings or the trial or the date for making the decision or announcing the decision with regard to Saddam Hussein."

Al-Dulaimi told The Associated Press in Jordan that he warned of a civil war in Iraq in a letter sent recently to President Bush.

"I warned him against the death penalty and against any other

decision that would inflame a civil war in Iraq and send fire throughout the region," al-Dulaimi said in a telephone interview from Baghdad. He did not say when he sent the letter to Bush.

"Any foolish American decision will further complicate things and will pose a serious threat to U.S. interests in the region," al-Dulaimi said. He also claimed the offices of Saddam's defense team in the U.S.-controlled Green Zone of Baghdad were ransacked over a week ago and said more than 1,400 pages of trial documents were damaged.

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SIDELINES



NBA

Legendary coach Red Auerbach dies at the age of 89

Red Auerbach, the Hall of Famer who guided the Celtics to 16 championships, first as a coach and later as general manager, died Saturday. Read more on page 12.

QUOTABLE

"I'm not too excited about being the team that broke the streak, but hey, you knew it was going to happen eventually anyway."

— Gregg Brandon, BG coach on his team's loss to Temple

OUR CALL

On the way up
OSU/U of M match-up

hype: Both teams came out of the weekend still

undefeated, as the eyes of the country turn toward these two teams as they prepare for their November match-up.

On the way down
Football's MAC East

Division: With an overall record of 20-31 and no undefeated teams remaining, the East division is proving to be among the worst collection of teams in NCAA D-I football.

The List

Sports Editor John Turner may be struggling in the pick 'em, but his fantasy football team is in first place. As always, here's The BG News sports desks' top five fantasy performers this weekend:

1. Larry Johnson:

Those who drafted him first overall are beginning to get the production they've been looking for all season after a four TD day from LJ.

2. LaDainian Tomlinson:

Nearly 250 all purpose yards and 4 TDs — just another LT-type day.

3. Michael Vick: After an inconsistent start, Vick is beginning to look more and more like a fantasy stud. This week he posted over 300 all-purpose yards and three TDs.

4. Reggie Wayne:

Three TDs and 138 yards yesterday put a smile on the face of his owners.

5. Marques Colston:

Hopefully you were able to pick Colston up off waivers, as he's been a great play in most league, scoring two TDs this week.


TEMPLE 28 | BOWLING GREEN 14


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COUGHING IT UP: Chris Bullock (top) fumbles on a rush from Temple's two-yard line. Walter Mebane of the Owls forced the ball out, which would go out the back of the endzone and give Temple the ball at their own 20-yard line, representing a giant momentum shift in the game.

GOING NOWHERE (RIGHT): BG running back Dan Macon is swallowed up by a host of Temple defenders in BG's 28-14 loss to the Owls on Saturday. Macon chipped in for 64 rush yards in the losing effort, which helped contribute to BG's total of 267 rush yards.

TAKING THE LOSS (BELOW): (From left to right) Receivers Corey Partridge, Tyrone Pronty, Ruben Ruiz and Kenneth Brantley appear dejected on the sidelines amidst the loss to Temple. BG receivers tallied 19 catches for 158 yards from two different quarterbacks. After starting the game, Anthony Turner was benched in favor of freshman Tyler Sheehan at the start of the second half.



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Unpleasant honor

Falcons fall to Owls, snap Temple's nation leading 20-game losing streak

By Colin Wilson
Assistant Sports Editor

PHILADELPHIA — Rock bottom may not be the right way to describe the level BGSU football reached this weekend, but it sure seemed that way after the Falcons lost to Temple 28-14.

A 20-game losing streak came to an end for the Owls (1-8) and a disappointing year continued for the Falcons (4-5).

"I'm not too excited about being the team that broke the streak, but hey, you knew it was going to happen eventually anyway," said coach Gregg Brandon.

After a Kenny Lewis interception, BG scored on its first play from scrimmage when Chris Bullock bounced to the outside and knifed through the Temple defense for a 30-yard score.

The next drive would stall for the Falcons, forcing them to punt. Junior Gallette came charging into the backfield and appeared to use John

Lanning's shoulder as a springboard, blocking the punt. It may have been one of the more athletic plays in college football this season.

On the next play, Adam DiMichele connected with Travis Shelton on a flea-flicker for a 43-yard bomb.

The biggest swing in momentum came in the second quarter with the score tied 7-7. The Falcons had the ball at Temple's two-yard line with first-and-goal, but with an ailing Freddie Barnes, the Falcons had to try an alternative method of goal-line scoring.

Chris Bullock looked like he was going to jump over the pile into the end zone but had the ball jarred loose by Temple's Walter Mebane. The ball skipped out of bounds and one was a touchback for Temple. The mistake would prove costly.

"I really think the grind of the season has gotten to this team. Most of them haven't

SINCE TEMPLE LAST WON A GAME...

November 13, 2004

- 714 days have passed.
- George W. Bush began his second term.
- Pluto lost its status as a planet.
- BG won 12 football games.
- John Chaney retired as Temple's basketball coach.
- Omar Jacobs was drafted in the fifth round of the NFL draft by the Pittsburgh Steelers.
- Pope John Paul II died.

GAME NOTES

- BG outtrashed Temple 249 to 94 with a balanced attack of Chris Bullock and Dan Macon.
- BG had 27 first downs compared to Temple's 12. They also had an advantage in time of possession by having the ball for 35:17 compared to Temple's 24:43.
- Receiver Travis Shelton combined rushing, receiving and return yards to amass 222 all-purpose yards for Temple.
- BG was only able to convert four of 14 third down plays while converted on two of five fourth down plays.

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RedHawks too much for Falcons, win both games

By Chayse Held
Reporter

OXFORD — The BGSU hockey team opened up 2006-2007 CCHA play by dropping two games to No. 7 Miami on the road over the weekend.

The Falcons (2-3-1, 0-2-0) went toe-to-toe with the defending league champion RedHawks (6-2-0, 3-1-0) through both contests, but an inability to finish scoring chances cost the team any hopes of returning with valuable league points.

"It's tough to come in here and not get any wins, especially when it's the first weekend of CCHA," said forward Derek Whitmore. "On the positive side, there's a lot of good things we can take out of this [weekend]."

In the opener on Friday night at Miami's new Steve Cady Arena, BG found itself with a 2-1 lead early in the second period after a goal by Tomas Petraska (2) at the 1:33 mark. The Falcons' lead quickly disappeared, however, with three unanswered Miami goals in the same period, as the hosts

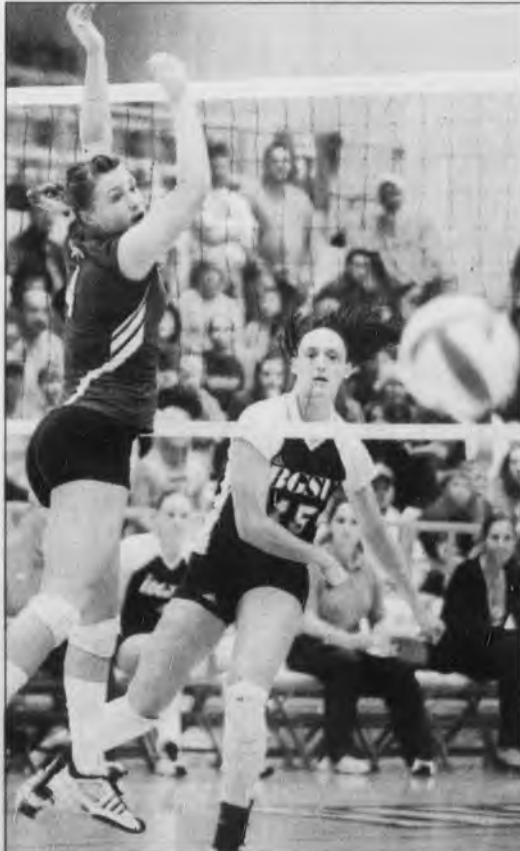
took a two-goal advantage and held on in the 3rd for a well-played 4-3 victory.

"We were playing well, I just didn't like our second period," said coach Scott Paluch. "[Miami] took control of the game in the second period. They were crashing the cage and getting rebound chances. We did not respond with the necessary intensity in front of the cage that we needed too."

Eddie Neville stopped 41 out of 45 Miami shots between the pipes for BG, a career-high for the freshman. Whitmore added his 6th goal of the year with the game's first score. Forward John Mazzei scored for the first time this season while Jonathon Matsumoto helped out with two assists.

Saturday's loss was a game in which BG out shot Miami 34-23, but could not crack RedHawk goaltender Jeff Zatkoff, getting shut out 3-0. The third round pick of the Los Angeles Kings was perfect on the night stopping Falcon shots and even provided some offense with an assist on the RedHawks' first

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LETTING IT FLY: BG's Corrie Mills watches the ball as it sails past OU's Ellen Herman. BG would eventually lose the match in five games.

Volleyball win streak ends in loss to OU

By Adam Miezin
Reporter

For those who came to see the BGSU's women's volleyball team on Friday night, the only thing they have to be disappointed about is the way the match ended. Two close, controversial calls allowed Ohio to escape out of Anderson Arena with a five game victory. The Bobcats won by a score of 30-26, 30-23, 26-30, 25-30, 15-10.

A crowd of 1,305 came out to see the biggest volleyball match in quite a few years for the Falcons. The energy and excitement brought to the arena was electric and the support shown gave BG an added boost.

Ohio came out of the gate strong, winning the first two games. In the first game, BGSU got out early, taking a quick 9-7 lead. Ohio grabbed the lead in the middle of the match, but BGSU tied it at 16 all. Both teams were getting production from multiple players as the game headed down the wire. Ohio eventually took the lead at 24-21 and never looked back, finishing off the Falcons to win the game.

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Women's cross country posts strong performance

By Dan Wyar
Reporter

Strong winds and puddles were not the ideal conditions the BGSU women's cross country team had in mind when they arrived in Buffalo for the Mid-American Conference Championships on Saturday.

Nevertheless, those were the conditions they had to deal with. The conditions didn't deter them though. The team took second place in the meet behind Ohio University. The finish proved the preseason coach's poll wrong. It predicted the Falcons to finish sixth in the MAC.

"We have had a very solid season and we knew that if we could pull it all together on the same day that we were capable of being one of the top teams in the MAC," said coach Cami Wells.

For the first time this season it was Kim Settle leading the way for the Falcons, who trekked through the mud and rain to finish fourth overall with a time of 20:41. Her fourth place finish in the MAC Championships was the best finish by a BG runner since 1998 when Hanane Sabri and Wendy Licht Ordway finished second and third for the

Falcons.

"I knew that everyone was running through the same muddy mess, so I went after it with no excuses," said Settle. "We had to stay tough through the really deep patches, and concentrate on striding out whenever there was a chance."

Jamie Roflow finished with a time of 20:50. She was running in the fifth position going into the final stretch of the race, but slipped and fell due to the muddy course and ended up finishing seventh overall after regaining her composure.

"Jamie ran a great race, she struggled with the muddy conditions a little in the beginning but was able to fight her way back and made up a lot of ground throughout the race," Wells said.

Along with Settle, Roflow received First Team All-MAC honors for the first time in her career after the race.

"I am very proud of Kim and Jamie; they have done a great job of leading us all season," Wells said. "It is a lot of pressure to lead a team and Jamie and Kim have always come through for us so it is nice to see all of

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goal of the night.

The difference in the game proved to be the play of special teams. Bowling Green went scoreless on all four of their power-plays while Miami was able to get two goals with the man advantage.

"It's frustrating for everybody on the ice," Whitmore said. "Especially for the guys who are out there on the power play trying to make things happen when pucks aren't falling."

Despite the disappointing outcome, Paluch was pleased with his team's effort.

"I think it was one of our best

games we have played in three years here," Paluch said. "We corrected a lot of things from [Friday]. They scored on their power play and they won the hockey game."

BG Goalie Jimmy Spratt stopped 20 MU shots in the game.

"We are talking about a team that pretty much ran away with the league last year," Paluch said. "They lost a few players... but they have so many players back. They move well on their feet and I feel they are in position for another title."

The Falcons look to get back on track at home this weekend as CCHA rival Lake Superior State comes to the BG Ice Arena for a pair of games.



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TIGHTENING UP THE 'D': The Falcons made a late charge to even up the match at two games, but the Bobcats were too much as they handed the Falcons their first MAC loss.

VOLLEYBALL

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The second game was similar to the first. Ohio got a lead early in the game but saw the Falcons battle back. The Bobcats put the match away with a short run to extend their lead to 20-12. BGSU never recovered in game and saw itself in the worst possible situation: down two games to none going into halftime. The Falcons got a nice game from Kendra Halm, as she contributed six kills in game two.

"We were never in rhythm in the first two games," said coach Denise Van De Walle. "We were not tough enough with our serves and could not get it done. They can hit and we just did not execute in the first two games."

BGSU returned to the floor a different team when the third game began. A great start gave the Falcons an early 9-4 lead. That lead would see itself get smaller but the Falcons held the lead throughout the game, with the only tie coming at 18-18. BGSU had a few nice drop shots fall and added a couple of big kills to win their first game.

With their backs still against the wall, BGSU played a strong team game throughout. This was

a close game, with back and forth points not allowing the crowd to get too excited. BGSU eventually pulled away to take a six point lead at 28-22 but had to stave off Ohio at the end to win the game. Stephanie Swiger, who had seven kills in the game and hit .417, led the Falcons on offense.

"We changed the lineup a bit, putting Chrissy Gothke on another player after halftime," Van De Walle said. "Our goal all week was to attack out of the middle of the floor. That was our best way to get points but we were trying to get points from the outside. When we started to run our middles, that was when we started to see some success."

The biggest match of the season came down to one 15-point game on Friday. Unfortunately for the Falcons, they were not able to defeat Ohio in a closely contested game. BGSU lead early but Ohio take a 9-6 lead in the middle of the game. Ohio did not look back, escaping with a 15-10 victory. BGSU had only itself to blame as they hit .150 on offense in the game while committing three costly errors. By contrast, Ohio hit .476 in the game and only committed one error.

"We ran the middle throughout the game but they were able to get some transition kills," said

Van De Walle. "The calls at the end hurt but we thank those who came for bringing all the energy they did."

"It was a very hard fought, exhausting match," Gothke said. "The game was a battle of two evenly matched teams and it came down to the fifth game. With everything on the line, they played well in game five and we did not."

Ohio was led by star Melissa Griffin, who recorded 22 kills. Ohio only hit .193 for the match but BGSU hit an even lower .159. BGSU was led in kills by Swiger, who had 19. Halm added 17 while Madeline Means also gave the team 13 kills.

"It took us awhile to get going against OU but once we did we played well," Swiger said. "We know what they have now and expect to give them a better fight from the start when we go down there in a few weeks. We played very well overall though, as every aspect of our game was doing well."

After that heartbreaking loss, it would be tough for any team to play less than 24 hours later against another quality opponent and expect to perform on its highest level. But a funny thing happened when the Falcons returned to the floor Saturday

afternoon. BGSU dominated Kent State and swept a three game match from them. The Falcons won by a score of 30-18, 30-21, 30-23.

The Falcons defense showed up on Saturday, holding Kent State to a .080 hitting percentage while hitting .310 themselves. Halm and Swiger were the only Falcons to reach double digits in kills, with 18 and 12, respectively. The Falcons closed out the weekend 22-3 overall and 11-1 in the MAC.

"We had a great effort today from our defensive backcourt," Van De Walle said. "We were blocking balls as well and the effort was tremendous. I did not know how the team would respond after the tough loss Friday but we proved today that we can rebound well."

BGSU will battle two tough Mid-American Conference teams this week. They will travel to Miami on Wednesday night before returning home to host Western Michigan on Saturday afternoon at 3 p.m.

"We have two good matches to play this week and we just need to keep a good mentality," Gothke said. "We have to take each match one at a time and stay positive and aggressive on the floor."

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CELEBRATE: Bill Russell, left, star of the Boston Celtics is congratulated by coach Arnold "Red" Auerbach after scoring his 10,000th point.

Hall of Famer Red Auerbach dies

By Joseph White
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — His genius was building a basketball dynasty in Boston, his gift was straight talk, his signature was the pungent cigar he lit up and savored after every victory.

Red Auerbach, the Hall of Famer who guided the Celtics to 16 championships, first as a coach and later as general manager, died Saturday. He was 89.

Auerbach died of a heart attack near his home in Washington, according to an NBA official, who didn't want to be identified. His last public appearance was on Wednesday, when he received the Navy's Lone Sailor Award during a

ceremony in the nation's capital.

Auerbach's death was announced by the Celtics, who still employed him as team president. Next season will be dedicated to him, they said.

"He was relentless and produced the greatest basketball dynasty so far that this country has ever seen," said Bob Cousy, the point guard for many of Auerbach's championship teams, who referred to his coach by his given name. "This is a personal loss for me. Arnold and I have been together since 1950. I was fortunate that I was able to attend a function with him Wednesday night. ... I am so glad now that I took the time to

be there and spend a few more moments with him."

Tom Heinsohn, who played under Auerbach and then coached the Celtics when he was their general manager, remembered his personal side.

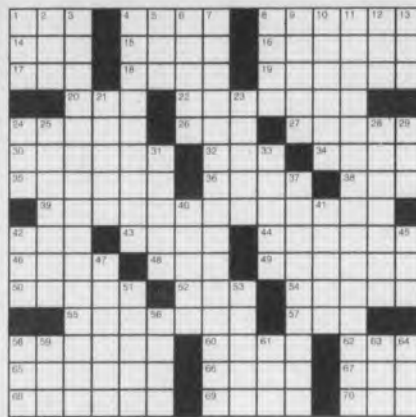
"He was exceptional at listening and motivating people to put out their very best," Heinsohn said. "In my playing days he once gave me a loaded cigar and six months later I gave him one. That was our relationship. We had a tremendous amount of fun and the game of basketball will never see anyone else like him."

Auerbach's 938 victories made him the winningest coach in NBA history until Lenny Wilkens overtook him in the 1994-95 season.

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their hard work recognized."

Next to cross the finish line for the Falcons were Carly Bates, who finished 28th overall and Kara Butler who finished 31st overall. Rounding out the top five for the Falcons was Stephanie Hillman who finished 43rd overall, closing the gap to 1:16 between herself and Settle, something Wells has been preaching the importance of all season.

"[Closing the gap] is what allowed us to be successful as a team," Wells said. "We needed each person to do her job in order to have a successful team finish and they accomplished that on Saturday."

FOOTBALL

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been through it," Brandon said. "I don't think we're mentally tough right now. Until we develop that, it'll be hard."

The Owls proceeded to drive down the field and scored on a nine-yard run by Jason Harper.

Temple was fired up out of the gate. The scene was a little more upbeat than most 0-8 teams would expect due to homecoming.

"They were very enthusiastic, they tried to use anything and everything to get momentum and it worked for them in the end," said linebacker Terrell White.

The second half was not much brighter. A new face appeared under center for BG as Tyler Sheehan got the nod. After one first down the Falcons had to punt and Rojas kicked the ball into the end zone.

Temple then put together a

five play drive that ended with a 45-yard pass from DiMichele to Bruce Francis that made the score 21-7.

Things were looking grim for BG.

After a failed fourth down conversion, the Falcon defense stepped up and forced a three and out. The Falcons then put together a drive that gave them hope.

Temple punted from the end zone, giving BG the ball at the Owls 27. Bullock battled his way to the end zone with five solid carries on the drive including a one-yard touchdown run. The drive was Sheehan's first successful touchdown drive this season.

"We've had really good drives when I've been in there but we just never finished. It was good to finally finish one off," Sheehan said.

The Falcons may have sealed their own fate on the next play.

Sean Ellis squibbed the kick-off down to Temple's four where Travis Shelton fielded it. He picked the ball up and took it 96 yards for a score which separated Temple for good.

Chris Bullock had a stellar day with 182 yards and two touchdowns, both are career highs.

Terrell White also continued his success with nine tackles, three of which were sacks.

The Falcons out-gained Temple 407 to 256 in total offense. Bullock and Dan Macon helped the rushing game churn out total 249 yards.

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